

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 8 and 10-18 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 8 and 10 are amended. Entry of this Supplemental Amendment is respectfully requested under Rule 111 (a)(2)(ii) because the claims are amended as suggested by the Examiner, as discussed below. No new matter is added. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicants gratefully appreciate the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative by Examiner Klimowicz during the November 1 personal interview. The points discussed are incorporated into the following remarks, and constitute Applicants' summary of the interview.

During the personal interview, Applicants' representative asserted that neither Albert nor Maffitt, alone or in combination, teaches or suggests a thin-film magnetic head or a slider including a body having a first medium facing surface and back surface, an insulating layer having a bottom surface exposed in the back surface, a thin-film coil and a magnetic-path-forming path disposed above a top surface of the insulating layer, and first and second pole portion layers disposed above the thin-film coil and exposed in the first medium facing surface, as set forth in independent claims 1, 8 and 10. However, the Examiner asserted that Albert teaches the features of independent claims 1, 8 and 10. Specifically, the Examiner asserted that Albert teaches a thin-film coil and a magnetic-path-forming path disposed above a top surface of a separator layer 44 which is located at the air bearing surface 42, i.e., a bottom portion of Figs. 1 and 2.

The Examiner indicated that amending independent claims 1, 8 and 10 to include that "the thin-film coil is located in a plane substantially parallel to the medium facing surface," would likely overcome the rejections based on Albert. Applicants amend claims 1, 8 and 10 as suggested by the Examiner to clarify the layered structure with respect to the location of

the thin-film coil. Albert does not teach or suggest such features. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-3, 8 and 10-18 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative at the telephone number set forth below.

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